

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Case No.: 17-4081

DAMAIN E. BELL

Defendant-Appellant.

On Appeal from the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia,
3:16CR68-02
Honorable Robert E. Payne

APPELLANT'S MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL

COMES NOW, Mary Katherine Zekert, Esquire counsel for Defendant Damain E. Bell, pursuant to Rule 27 of the Federal Rules of Appellate procedure and respectfully requests to withdrawal as counsel of record for the Defendant for good cause and in support whereof states the following:

1. That counsel was recently married and has since moved to Greenville, South Carolina;
2. That counsel will remain working at Bowen Ten Cardani, PC remotely until May 31, 2017 which will not allow sufficient time to conclude Mr. Bell's representation;
3. That counsel has not been able to successfully contact her client via online CorrLinks or telephonically;
4. That as of the date of filing no briefing order has been issued.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons set forth herein and for good cause shown, counsel for the Appellant respectfully moves this Court to allow for her withdraw and that this Court appoint a CJA attorney to continue Mr. Bell's representation.

Respectfully Submitted,

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